RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED **EXAMINING GROUP 3731** PATENT

Customer No. 22.852

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Doreen S. RAO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
Application No.: 10/075,144) Examiner: Thomas McEvoy
Filed: February 14, 2002 For: SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING BODY CANAL PATENCY AND METHOD THEREOF))) Confirmation No.: 6889))
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 21, 2009, the period for response extending through October 21, 2009, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper.